



by email and mail

April 10, 2007

Karen Scarborough, Deputy Secretary
California Resources Agency
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RE: BDCP STEERING COMMITTEE

Dear Secretary Scarborough,

I am writing to you in your capacity as chair of the Steering Committee for the Bay-Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP) to request that the Bay Institute (TBI) be considered for membership on the Steering Committee. It is has become increasingly clear to us that the BDCP will play a critical role in the long-term management of the Bay-Delta system, and as a result we are extremely interested in helping ensure the ultimate success of the BDCP process.

As you know, TBI has been deeply involved in helping to develop and implement most of the current efforts to manage the Bay-Delta system for environmental and other purposes, including development of and participation in the Delta Vision process established by Governor Schwarzenegger; serving as the co-chair of the Bay-Delta Public Advisory Committee's Ecosystem Restoration Subcommittee and of the Governor's Delta Risk Management Strategy Steering Committee; and providing technical and management guidance to the Delta Regional Ecosystem Restoration Implementation Plan process. As a result of these and other activities, TBI's policy and scientific staff would bring a wealth and breadth of knowledge and experience to the BDCP process, and ensure consistency between the BDCP and other key planning and implementation processes.

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Furthermore, over the past two decades TBI has led or assisted in the successful negotiation of a number of landmark environmental and water supply agreements governing the Bay-Delta or its watershed, from the Bay-Delta Accord to the recent Friant settlement. TBI has demonstrated time and again its ability to work with a broad range of interests to address and resolve complex resource management issues, and has long-standing and collegial relationships with most of the current members of the Steering Committee.

For these reasons, we believe our participation would improve the efficacy of the BDCP process and complement the current membership of the Steering Committee. We look forward to your consideration of our request.

Sincerely,

Gary Bobker
Program Director